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JOHN T. CAMPBELL SETS FORTH, IN A VERY CONVINCING MANNER, HIS VIEWS ON THE RACE PROBLEM IN AMERICA.

Man—when savage is the most savage of all the animal creation. His most savage actions are against his own kind. He gratifies his hate where he has power. His most vindictive hate is provoked at beholding the rise of his once inferiors to his level, or above him. Few men are able to rise entirely above this low, but natural spirit. Napoleon Bonaparte murdered Toussaint L. Overture because the latter was called the "black Bonaparte." The more ignorant, the more savage man becomes. Also, the more ignorant the more easily he is defeated and conquered. Ignorant followers of wise leaders have achieved myriads as it were, but ignorant followers of ignorant leaders have rushed to their own destruction. Wise followers of wise leaders often outrun their leaders. Such was the case of the Federal soldiers at Missionary Ridge. They were ordered forward to a certain place near the foot of the ridge. There they found themselves under a hot fire. With one impulse the whole line rushed up the ridge and charged over the rebel breast works. This in defiance of an added order to stand at the designated place. Grant, when he came to the place saw that the men were right.

In the past, white men have hated white men quite as much as some of them now hate the Negro, and have vented their hatred with as much savagery as they ever have against the Negro. The best educated people have the least race prejudice. In the United States the poor white were encouraged to hate the Negroes because they could then be used to help hold the Negroes in slavery. The Negroes were taught to show contempt for the poor whites because this would increase the hatred between them and each side could be used by the master to control the other. The real interest of the poor whites and the Negroes were the same, that of resisting the oppression of the master class. But ignorance stood in the way. This race hatred was at first used to perpetuate slavery. It is now used to perpetuate white supremacy in politics in the South. The poor whites are almost as much injured by it as are the Negroes. Senator Tillman is a distinguished poor white. Governor Vardaman is another.

The Negroes are acquiring knowledge more rapidly than the poor whites in the South and are fully up with the poor whites in the North. If a race war can be averted a few years longer the Negroes will not want to associate with the poor whites in the South. The "Jim Crow" car will be the aristocratic car of the future. Poor whites will then want to ride in it, and will be refused.

As the Negroes grow in knowledge, they organize into societies and move solidly for or against men and measures which may be working for or against their interests. The Negro vote in Pennsylvania is so strong and so persistent in demanding the just rights of their race, that Senator Penrose of that state introduced a resolution of inquiry into the Senate demanding an investigation into the cause for discharging the Negro soldiers at Fort Reno. Senator Foraker of Ohio did the same thing in deference to the Negro vote of his state. The solid Negro vote can turn the election in several Northern states. At first they were merely voting cattle. Anything labeled Republican got their solid vote the first few years of their enfranchisement. The Republican party in many states grew careless of the



GEORGE M. PORTER, PH. G.

The Enterprising and Successful Manager of The Peoples' Pharmacies, 29th and Armour Ave. and 27th and Dearborn Sts.

Negro interest, believing they were sure of that vote. White Republicans and Democrats too, are waking up to the fact that they must treat the Negro vote with respect and justice. Let the Negroes see to it that they are kept awake. Many of the young generation of Republicans have no more friendship for the Negro than have the Democrats. Is a dead friend much better than a live enemy? In the event of a Tillman war of extermination, the 300 Negro soldiers lately discharged dishonorably for an offense they did not commit may become dangerous generals. A Toussaint L. Overture may turn up among them. Teddy let himself away down in that matter.

JOHN T. CAMPBELL.

Mrs. Wm. Emanuel 6352 Rhodes ave. will receive New Year's day 2 to 10 p. m., assisted by Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Lee Harding.

Miss Murty Collins, Miss Mabel Bots, Miss Leona Daughtry Miss Walcutt will pour.

The following young ladies of the west side will receive in a group New Year's day at the residence of Miss Lana V. Pickett 424 Fulton st., from two to six o'clock p. m. Misses Lena V. Pickett, Gertrude B. Smith, Minnie Lawhorn, Juliet Huckabee, Mable Gayton, Margurite Bell, Georgia S. Broady, Grace B. Sampson, Emma J. Jackson, Pearl Thomasson, Minnie A. Jones & Hazel Harrison the noted pianist of La Porte, Indiana.

The annual dancing party given by the young ladies of the S. S. S. Club Xmas afternoon at the Douglas Club house from 1 to 6 p. m. was the most delightful party ever given by the club, with the assistance of Prof. and Mrs. Wm. Emanuel who assured the managements of the event the young ladies and their guest spent a joyful afternoon.

Hon. Edw. H. Morris will entertain a small number of friends at dinner and "Hearts" at his residence Monday evening, Dec. 31st 1906.



S. A. T. WATKINS

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of Chicago; Supreme Attorney for the Knights of Pythias throughout the world. Democratic Politician and Property Holder.

Samuel Ashbury Thompkins Watkins was born Jan. 25, 1869, at Memphis, Tenn. He received his early training in the schools, of the city of his birth, and in the course of time he began his higher studies at the celebrated Lemoyne Institute, graduating therefrom with high honors May 30th 1888, for one year thereafter, he taught school. In the meantime he began the study of law in the office of T. F. Cassells, ex-Assistant Attorney General of Tennessee, and was admitted to the bar February 5, 1891, at the same time entering into partnership with his former tutor the firm being Cassells and Watkins.

He met with great success in the law, and on May 30th 1892, he appeared at the bar of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, and was enrolled as a member, winning his first case before that high tribunal after a hard fought legal battle lasting for three days.

The first part of July 1892, Mr. Watkins pulled up stakes in Memphis, Tenn., and came to Chicago to reside and shortly after doing so, he was admitted to the bar, also to the bar of the Supreme Court of Illinois and

to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Shortly before removing to this city, Mr. Watkins was united in marriage to Miss Mattie M. Robinson, also a product of Memphis, Tenn., and with their young son, they reside in their own beautiful home 3632 Calumet ave. Mr. Watkins is a prominent Knight of Pythias, being Supreme Attorney for that great order throughout the world. He is agent of the property, belonging to the K P.'s located on the southwest corner of 33rd and State streets, and collects \$500 per month as rent.

October 1st 1898, Mr. Watkins was appointed Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of Chicago, and from that time down to the present, he has creditably and honorably, served the city in that capacity. In all these years, he has represented the city, and also the state, at the 35th st. Police station, doing double duty, and the record which he has made there for efficiency in every respect, cannot be excelled.

His private law office has for years been located at 80 Dearborn street, and being well and favorably known, he enjoys a good practice, and lastly, he is an honor to his chosen profession and reflects great credit on the Afro-American race.

THE PEOPLES' PHARMACIES 29TH AND ARMOUR AVE., AND 27TH AND DEARBORN STREETS.

Doctor M. J. Brown and George M. Porter are among the most enterprising and successful, Afro-American business men in Chicago.

Less than two years ago they succeeded William F. Taylor in the drug business corner 29th and Armour ave., and no sooner than doing so, they increased the stock and made many needed improvements, and business began to hum right from the very start, and on the 1st of December 1905, they opened another drug store corner 27th and Dearborn streets, and their two establishments are known as The Peoples' Pharmacies.

A first class stock of drugs are carried in both places, and in the Armour ave. store a sub postal station is located, and they have the distinction of being the only Afro-Americans in Chicago, having this honor conferred upon them by Uncle Sam.

In this store, the customers can purchase all the postage stamps they desire, get their money orders cashed or issued, letters registered and packages expressed to all parts of the world. Gentlemanly clerks are ever ready to serve customers.

This is also true in the 27th street store, on entering that store, customers find everything neat and clean and in first class business shape. The shelves are loaded down with all kinds of drugs, the clerks are neat and polite full of business and anxious to supply the wants of the numerous customers.

Mr. Porter and Doctor Brown, have worked early and late, in order to succeed in the drug business and their key to success has been, by giving first class service at short notice, and they are never too busy to greet their many friends at either store.

THE ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT, ON SENATOR TILLMAN AND HIS CHICAGO SPEECH.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat editor characterizes Pitchfork Tillman's Farragut in Chicago as "Senator Tillman's Tirade." He continues:

"It was a loose, rambling, scurrilous attack on the men who framed and the voters who passed the war amendments to the constitution. 'To hell with such a law,' was Tillman's answer to somebody in the audience who asked him what ought to be done with the fifteenth amendment. He attacked Mayor Dunne because the mayor refused to preside at the meeting which Tillman addressed. The mayor, knowing that his presence on the platform would give a quasi-sanction to the assaults on the elemental properties which Tillman would be sure to make, wisely declined to place himself in that position.

"He said, 'Almost all 'Niggers' are by nature liars and will steal.' He stigmatized Booker Washington as 'a half-breed who is seeking a political job.' He has lauded lynching of Negroes, and has preached a race war against them. Of course, intellectually and morally Booker Washington is an immeasurably larger man than Tillman. Nine out of every ten fair-minded white men in the country, south as well as north will concede this.

"Responsibility for this latest outburst from Tillman rests on the persons who employed him."

The associate editor wishes to say that the Colored people have a glimmering hope of vindication because of the many honest hearted white people who are willing to come to our rescue, against such senatorial blackguards as Tillman, who voices the sentiment of almost the entire south. His remark that "almost all Niggers will steal" may be met by the historical fact, past and present, that the Negro's financial condition in the south is due to the fact that he has been robbed, under legal form, for one hundred and eighty years. Since freedom, he has paid every dollar of the southern white man's taxes and fed, clothed, educated and housed their former master and their children, by the most stupendous, legalized, Christianized (?) system of fraud that ever existed in civilized governments. A recent case is reported from New Orleans, La., where the school board has discharged all the Colored teachers and substituted in their stead, incompetent pauperized white teachers, thereby establishing social equality between white teachers and Colored children. The incentive to this move was to steal the Colored teachers salary to give employment to their own people. This is but one of the various ways that the southern whites resort to "steal" the honest earnings of the Colored people in their midst. If it were true, that most all "Niggers" will steal so far as the south is concerned they are in a good training school.—The Baptist Truth, Cairo, Ill.



M. J. BROWN, A. B., M. D.

One of the Most Enterprising and Wide Awake M. D.s in This City and the Controlling Spirit in The Peoples' Pharmacies, 27th and Dearborn Streets and 29th and Armour Ave.

IS DRUNKENNESS AN EXCUSE?

A. P. Buell, a white man, whose occupation is said to be that of a blacksmith, was placed in the city jail last night on the charge of being drunk and disorderly, and his incarceration was made at the instance of Freeman Hall, a Negro who works for the Victoria Lumber Company and lives on Pierre avenue. There was some excitement.

This man took two little Negro girls five or six years old respectively off into the woods and was attempting to criminally assault them, when he was apprehended and arrested.

Yet his charge as stated above "Drunk and Disorderly."

Until the people decide to give all rapists and criminal assaulters their just deserts, regardless to color, just so long will the world see that the commission of the heinous crime is not looked upon with such disgust as is pretended by some. There were no great headlines calling attention to the diabolical crime.

Suppose it had been a Negro instead of a white man who had committed the same offense on two little white girls. What would have been the condition of affairs in Shreveport?

We have no sympathy for a brute who would commit such a crime, be he drunk, white or black and we would not attempt to shield him under no conditions.

The white and Colored people of Shreveport should let all rapists know, that this will not be a congenial climate for them to live in.

This man was carried before the City court and fined \$100 for drugs, and disorderly conduct and turned loose.

Where is the justice for the Negro?—The New Enterprise, Shreveport, La.

The complimentary dance given by the members of the Fellowship Club at Douglas Club House Xmas night was a delightful, social success. About one hundred couples participated in the grand march and the gowns worn by the ladies were rich and beautifully decorated with fresh flowers and costly jewels.

We'll wager an "X" against a last week's doughnut that no other committee of ladies will be prancing around to secure Ben Tillman as the star attraction for a hospital benefit, or for any other orderly purpose. As a curtain raiser for a dog fight or a "rough house," though, he'd be all the candy.—The Freeman Indianapolis, Ind.

Messrs. Cole & Johnson's show "The Shoo Fly Regiment," left the city Tuesday for South Bend, Ind., eight of the company severed their connection with the organization before they left.

Doctor Alexander Lane, will address the Bethel Literary and Historical Club, this coming Sunday afternoon, subject "America For Americans." Messrs. W. N. Anderson and Chas. Davis will sing.



HON. EDWARD D. GREEN.

Member 44th General Assembly of the State of Illinois. Author of the Anti Mob bill that Passed the last General Assembly, also passed the Anti Policy bill, Author of Pythian Temple Legislation that Brought About the Purchase of the Site Located at the Southwest Corner of Thirty-third and State Sts., at a Cost of \$48,000. at the Last Session of the Knights of Pythias at Pittsburgh, Pa., Unanimously Chosen as the Secretary of the Pythians' Temple Sanitarium Commission.